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SINCE CEASE FIRE, AND ATTACKS ON BAN ME THUOT

1. TRANSMITTED BELOW IS TEXT OF GVN NOTE TO THE PARTIES TO THE
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ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM PROTESTING

COMMUNIST SEIZURE OF 12TH DISTRICT TOWN CAPTURED SINCE THE PARIS AGREEMENT, AND MASSIVE ATTACKS ON DARLAC PROVINCE CAPITOL OF BAN ME THUOT. NOTE WILL BE MADE PUBLIC MARCH 14.

2. BEGIN TEXT: NOTE NO. 652/BNG/35. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE PARTIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM SIGNED IN PARIS ON MARCH 2, 1973, AND HAS THE HONOUR TO DRAW THEIR PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING:

3. ON MARCH 8, 1975, AT 07.50 A.M. COMMUNIST FORCES UNLEASHED A MASSIVE SHELLING INTO THE DISTRICT-TOWN OF THUAN MAN (BQ 070.670) LOCATED AT 25 KM SOUTHWEST OF THE PROVINCE CITY OF PHU BON. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY AN ATTACK LED BY INFANTRY UNITS SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY. AT 11.50 A.M. THE DISTRICT-TOWN WAS CAPTURED BY COMMUNIST TROOPS, RAISING TO TWELVE THE NUMBER OF DISTRICT-TOWNS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM ILLEGALLY CAPTURED BY THE COMMUNISTS SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THE FATE OF MORE THAN 20.000 INHABITANTS IN THE DISTRICT-TOWN IS NOT KNOWN YET.

4. ON MARCH 10, 1975, AT 03.00 A.M. THEY HAVE MASSIVELY AND INDISCRIMINATELY SHELLED OVER 400 ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY OF VARIOUS KINDS INTO THE DENSELY POPULATED PROVINCE CITY OF BANMETHUOT. LATER ON, THEY ASSAULTED THE CITY WITH IMPORTANT FORCES MADE OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DIVISION 320, REINFORCED BY INDEPENDENT INFANTRY REGIMENTS AND SAPPER UNITS, AND HEAVILY SUPPORTED BY ONE ARMORED BATTALION AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY. THE ARMED FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM STATIONED IN BANMETHUOT HAVE HEROICALLY RESISTED THIS ATTACK AND INFLICTED HEAVY CASUALTIES ON THE ENEMY. UNTIL 11.00 P.M. OF THE SAME DAY, FOURTEEN NORTH VIETNAMESE TANKS WERE HIT AND CAUGHT FIRE. THE COMBAT IS STILL GOING ON.

5. BOTH OF THESE ACTIONS, - WHICH OCCURRED TWO MONTHS AFTER THE COMMUNIST SEIZURE OF ALL DISTRICT-TOWNS AND THE PROVINCE-CITY OF PHUOC LONG; - CONSTITUTE A NEW AND VERY GRAVE ESCALATION TAKEN BY NORTH VIET-NAM AND ITS FRONT ORGANIZATION IN THE SOUTH, THE SO-CALLED "PRGSVN" IN THEIR SCHEME OF SABOTAGING THE ENTIRE PARIS AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 27, 1973 AND IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO

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TAKE OVER SOUTH VIET-NAM BY FORCE OF ARMS.

6. IN FACT, COMMUNIST TROOPS HAVE LAUNCHED A LARGE-SCALE AND VIOLENT OFFENSIVE THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM. SINCE MARCH 5, 1975 THEY HAVE INCREASED THEIR ACTS OF WAR, LAUNCHING WAVES OF DESTRUCTION, BOMBARDMENTS AND ATTACKS, ACCUMULATING THOUSANDS OF CRIMES ALONG NATIONAL ROUTES NO. 19, 21, 14 AND IN THE AREAS OF THE PROVINCES OF

BINH DINH, PLEIKU, PHU BON, AS WELL AS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM.

7. THESE CYNICAL AND SYSTEMATIC VIOLATIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT CLEARLY SHOW THAT THE COMMUNIST SIDE IS PURSUING STUBBORNLY ITS SCHEME OF FORCIBLE CONQUEST OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, IN COMPLETE DISREGARD OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

8. THEY ALSO SHOW THE UTTER CONTEMPT OF THE COMMUNIST SIDE FOR WORLD OPINION AND ESPECIALLY FOR THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE PARIS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM.

9. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM STRONGLY DENOUNCES AND SEVERELY CONDEMNS THE OVERT AND BARBARIC ACTS OF WAR NORTH VIET-NAM IS WAGING IN ORDER TO IMPOSE A MILITARY SOLUTION IN VIET-NAM IN COMPLETE DISREGARD OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

10. IF SUCH AN IRRESPONSIBLE POLICY WERE ALLOWED TO GO ON UNRESTRAINED, THIS WOULD LEAD TO THE COLLAPSE OF THE WHOLE STRUCTURE OF PEACE ESTABLISHED BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT, ITS RELATED PROTOCOLS, THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM OF MARCH 2, 1973 AND THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF JUNE 13, 1973.

11. IN REAFFIRMING ITS DETERMINATION TO RESPECT STRICTLY AND TO IMPLEMENT FULLY THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 27, 1973, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM EARNESTLY APPEALS TO THE PARTIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM TO TAKEN URGENT AND EFFECTIVE ACTIONS TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER DETERIORATION OF THE GRAVE SITUATION PREVAILING NOW IN VIET-NAM, TO OBLIGE THE COMMUNIST SIDE TO

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PUT IMMEDIATELY AN END TO THEIR MILITARY AGGRESSION AND RESUME AT ONCE THE NEGOTIATIONS AT LA CELLE SAINT CLOUD AND AT SAIGON.

12. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE PARTIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. SAIGON, MARCH 12, 1975. END TEXT.

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